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President's Message

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I hope that all are enjoying the mild Spring weather that our area has experienced over these past several weeks. It's time again for our general membership meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 9 at 7:30pm in the library at Washington Mill Elementary School. Pizza and beverages will be served at 7:00pm. We hope to see you there.

Current events have given cause for the MVCA Board and the Neighborhood Watch Committee to review the standards and responsibilities of the more than 60 volunteers that comprise the MVCA Neighborhood Watch Program. The chairman of the committee, Coilin Owens, has provided a guideline which is printed in this edition of the newsletter for your information. The MVCA Neighborhood Watch program is approved by the Fairfax County Police Department.

The Cherry Tree Drive Traffic Calming Task force will be meeting with county and state transportation officials, members of our county supervisor's office, school administrators and Fairfax County Police officers at Washington Mill Elementary School to witness the commute of traffic during an early morning student drop-off period. The Task Force maintains that it is important for the decision makers to observe the speeding problem first hand. Current traffic calming alternatives include additional signage (with flashing lights), speed tables and street-paint school description signs. The Task Force expects the implementation of measures to correct this safety issue before the start of the next school year.

The proposed Route 1 widening project between Telegraph Road and Route 235 has become more of an issue lately due to the proposed alignment of the new road through the Woodlawn Stables and horse pastures. Although not yet approved for construction, the proposed roadway would shift to the east side of the existing road where significant right of way would be acquired from the adjacent landowner causing relocation of the horse stable operations. Pete Esser, the MVCA Transportation Committee Chairman, has been monitoring the development of the project and will continue to advise the MVCA Board of the design process.

The MVCA Board is happy to announce that Bruce Kitchen has volunteered to chair the MVCA Education Committee. Bruce has valuable personal and professional experience with the education system which will benefit our community as education issues continue to challenge our region.

Please be sure to join us at the MVCA Annual Picnic on Saturday, June 9, at St. James Episcopal Church. There will be catered barbeque, hotdogs and beverages along with live music for entertainment. We look forward to seeing you there!

Paul Schray, President
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